

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

After entry of this amendment, claims 8-27 will be pending in this application. Claims 1-7 have been cancelled. New claims 8-27 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found in the specification. No new matter has been added.

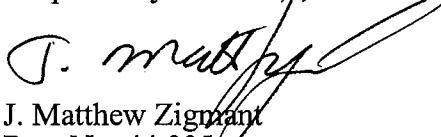
Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Chauvin et al., United States patent number 5,886,701. This rejection is obviated by the cancellation of claims 1-7. Allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal notice of allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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